

# METHAMPHETAMINE ISSUES IN CHILD WELFARE

**March 30-31, 2006  
YARROW HOTEL, PARK CITY**

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## **Conference Agenda**

Thursday-March 30, 2006

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Lobby & Summit C

### **Registration and Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.  
Summit A & B

### **Conference Welcome**

*Presenter: Daniel Becker, State Court Administrator*

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  
Summit A & B

### **Neurobiology of Meth Addiction and Its Impact on Families**

*This session will provide an overview of how addiction occurs in the brain and how it alters brain functioning with emphasis on the impact addiction may have on parent-child interactions.*

*Presenter: Barbara Sullivan, Ph. D., Associate Director, Utah Addiction Center*

*Facilitator: Ray Wahl, Juvenile Court Administrator*

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

### **Break**

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Summit A & B

### **Impact of Methamphetamine on Children in the Prenatal and Postnatal Environment**

*This session will provide an overview of the prenatal and postnatal effects of exposure to methamphetamine, including both chemical and behavioral aspects of living in a meth home.*

*Presenter: Kiti Freier, Ph. D., Professor of Psychology and Pediatrics, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California*

*Facilitator: Tracy Mills, Third District Guardian ad Litem*

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Tent & Summit C

**Lunch**

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Summit A & B

**Models of Effective Practice for Child Welfare, Court and Substance Abuse Professionals: A National Perspective**

*This session will review some promising practices and system reforms that have been undertaken across the country to better address the issues of meth addiction among families involved in the child welfare system. Approaches that have resulted in positive outcomes will be reviewed and explored, with an emphasis on services designed for parents and pregnant women.*

*Presenter: Kari J. Earle, M. Ed., LADC  
In-depth Technical Assistance (IDTA) Program Manager, National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare*

*Facilitator: Judge Frederic Oddone, Third District Juvenile Court*

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Summit A & B

**Moderated Panel Presentation**

*The Panel will present a hypothetical child welfare case pertaining to meth use. Local panelists from various disciplines will discuss their respective roles in assisting children and families impacted by meth.*

*Moderator: Tracy Mills, Third District Guardian ad Litem*

*Panelists: Hon. Larry Steele, Eighth District Juvenile Court*

*Rick Berry, Division of Child and Family Services*

*Mark May, Division Chief, Office of the Attorney General, Child Protection Division*

*Lisa Lokken, Parents' Defense Counsel,  
Lokken & Associates*

*Aurora Reyes, Salt Lake County Substance Abuse*

*Anthony Ferdon, Office of the Guardian ad Litem*

*Facilitator: Judge Kimberly Hornak, Third District Juvenile Court*

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

**Break**

3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Summit A & B

**More Effective Testing = More Effective Treatment**

*This presentation will address the important role that drug testing plays in effective treatment as the key objective information about who has an ongoing problem with substance abuse. The tools of testing, including alternative specimens (hair, sweat, oral fluid) as well as onsite testing technologies, will be reviewed from their level of scientific development as well as their regulatory and legal status. Also reviewed will be interpretation of test results as well as detecting and responding to donor efforts to thwart accurate testing, especially from urine specimen dilution.*

*Presenter: Dr. Leo Kadehjian  
Palo Alto, California*

*Facilitator: Brent Kelsey, Division of Substance Abuse*

5:00 p.m.

**Adjourn**

**Dinner on Your Own**

Friday- March 31, 2006

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Tent & Summit C

**Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  
Summit A & B

**Creating the Best System for Assessment, Referral and Treatment of Meth Addiction (Part I)**

*This session will explore best practice principles in assessing, referring and treating meth addicted parents, including those with co-occurring disorders, using both practical and creative resources available in your community.*

*Presenters: Dr. Kelly Lundberg, Associate Professor,  
Department of Psychiatry, University of Utah*

*Tim Whalen, LCSW, Associate Director,  
Salt Lake County, Division of Substance Abuse*

*Facilitator: Judge Mary T. Noonan, Fourth District Juvenile  
Court*

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Break**

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
Summit A & B

**Creating the Best System for Assessment, Referral and Treatment of Meth Addiction (Part II)**

*Presenters: Dr. Kelly Lundberg, Associate Professor,  
Department of Psychiatry, University of Utah*

*Tim Whalen, LCSW, Associate Director,  
Salt Lake County, Division of Substance Abuse*

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Tent & Summit C

**Lunch**

*Participants will be asked to sit by district for a collaborative discussion of next steps at the local level.*

1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Summit A & B

**Short Term and Long Term Prognosis for Recovery from Meth Addiction**

*This session will consider variables affecting recovery and will explore what child welfare professionals should know to support recovery based on an understanding of the brain's response to abstinence from meth use over time. Dr. Hanson will also address the meth cycle and how it may impact children.*

*Presenter: Glen R. Hanson, Ph. D., D.D.S.  
Director, University Addiction Center  
Senior Advisor, NIDA, NIH  
Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology  
College of Pharmacy, University of Utah*

*Facilitator: Judge Kay Lindsay, Fourth District Juvenile Court*

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.  
Summit A & B

**Conference Wrap Up and Adjourn**

*Presenter: Hon. Kay Lindsay, Fourth District Juvenile Judge  
Chairperson, Utah Court Improvement Program*

[10.5 CLE Credit Hours Approved]